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The following article gives information on the progress of apartment and other construction in Sofia.

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The "G.S. Rakovski" Ulitza between "Gurko" and "Graf Ignatiev" [ulitzas] is being transformed. On the right-hand side in the direction of "Ruski" Bulevard is the framework of a new structure.

A large apartment house with 117 apartments is being built on "Rakovski" Ulitza between "Gurko" and "Stefan Karadzha" [ulitzas]. The large crane at the site has a capacity of 1.5 tons of building material. Some construction parts [for the apartment house] are being made by the "Vibrobeton" Fectory. Engr M. Angelov is in charge of the workers at the site.

An eight-floor building with 36 apartments and three stores is being built at "Rakovski" Ulitza 151.

A seven-floor building, which will consist of 60 apartments and will be used by the Ministry of Transportation, is being built at "Jeorgi Dimitrov" Bulevard 35. The building will be completed by 1 November 1952 and will house 60 families. Ts. Panteleev, who is in charge of construction at the site, introduced a new method for using durvobeton (a mixture or wood shavings and cement), as a base for parquet floors.

A chemical laboratory was built recently at "Georgi Disitrov" Bulevard It is intended for research work on national resources.

The Farty Center (Partiyn dom), which will be completed soon, is located near "Dondukov" Bulevard and faces the Ploshad "Deveti septemvri" (9 September Squarp).

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A seven-floor apartment house with 55 apartments is being built southwest of the Party Center and opposite the Central Committee of the Dimitrov Union of People's Youth Duilding? on "Aleksandur Stamboliyski" Bulevard. The brickwork on the seventh floor is almost completed. The motion-picture-industry building is progressing rapidly. Thus far, 85 rooms have been completed, so that by August 1952, all art, production, and administrative sections of the Committee for Cinematography (which is under the Council of Ministers) will be moved there.

The streetcar tracks in the center of Sofia will be removed. A total of 238 /first figure not clear/ buildings with 1,801 apartments are now being built in Sofia. Thus far, 58 buildings with a total of 172 apartments have been completed. Also, 57 administrative buildings are being built.

The northwestern limits of Sofia will be covered with trees, which will protect the city from cold winds. Green forest? belts will be created which will extend from Sofia to the Vitosha and Lyulin mountains.

When the "Stalin" Hydroelectric Power Station (hidrovuzel) is completed, there will be ample water in the city. The rivers of Sofia will be channeled into canals, and artificial lakes will be formed. A lake one kilometer long will be formed near the brick factories; another, which will be 1.5 kilometers long and which will have a beach and islands, will be formed near "Batolova vodenitsa" kvartal (section). Vitosha Mountain will be changed into a public park with hotels and sport facilities.

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